

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 24 as follows:

For example, the Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication 7-74381 discloses a photodetection layer 21 represented in FIG. 2 in which the photodetection layer 21 is formed of an alternate repetition of an optical absorption layer 21a having a composition of $\text{In}_{0.53-x}\text{Ga}_{0.47+x}\text{P}$ $\text{In}_{0.53-x}\text{Ga}_{0.47+x}\text{As}$ and accumulating therein a tensile strain and a strain-compensating layer 21b having a composition of $\text{In}_{0.53+x}\text{Ga}_{0.47-x}\text{P}$ $\text{In}_{0.53+x}\text{Ga}_{0.47-x}\text{As}$ and accumulating therein a compressive strain.